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SEPTEMBER 11 WEB SITES ARCHIVE

On September 11, 2002, the novelty of the Internet seemed to vanish behind its formidable power to unite and express in a way the relatively new medium had ever seen.

Soon after the terrorist-flown planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, archivists began assembling an electronic diary, called the September 11 Archive, of how the United States and the world was responding across the Internet.

Using special software, a far-flung team from The Library of Congress, the Internet Archive in San Francisco, and the Webarchivist.org frantically began making copies of attack-related Web sites, storing snapshots of valuable pages before they disappeared. The Web was full of personal accounts, some from people looking for an outlet, and others from every imaginable institution: governments, churches, corporations, media, civic and advocacy groups and schools.

The September 11 archive tries to capture it all, from the stately dignity of officialdom to the rage, grief, and celebration expressed across the diversity of digital life. To visit, explore, research, or even contribute go to <http://september11.archive.org>.

Officials Warn Against Classified Disclosures

The top leaders of the Air Force have released a video emphasizing the importance of protecting classified information. "Recently there have been several media reports involving the disclosure of classified information within the Department of Defense," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "As we all know, this issue has the personal attention of the Secretary of Defense (who) is rightly concerned that it is diminishing our country's ability to conduct military operations." Unauthorized disclosures could jeopardize capabilities needed to successfully prosecute the war on terrorism, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

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“Mother” Mary Harris Jones (1830-1930)

Mary Harris Jones was over fifty years old before she began her career as a labor organizer. She was born in Ireland, but her family was forced to emigrate because they rebelled against British rule. While living in the northeast, she completed school, became a teacher, and married a iron moulder. From her husband, George E. Jones, she learned how workers were struggling against abuses by unscrupulous employers. Two tragic events changed her from a bystander to a fighter for the rights of labor. In 1867 Mary Jones lost her husband and four children in a yellow fever epidemic. And as she was rebuilding her life in Chicago four years later, her successful dressmaking business was destroyed in the famous Chicago fire.

Destitute and alone, Mary Jones strongly identified with working people who had no protection against low wages, long hours, and dangerous working conditions. Owners often used blacklists and violence to intimidate workers and prevent unionism. "Mother" Jones, as she came to be called, was neither frightened nor discouraged. She fearlessly began to organize both men and women to fight for their rights.

A fiery and electrifying speaker, "Mother" Jones specialized in creating a public outcry over the inhuman treatment of workers. She once put together a caravan of children on a march to dramatize the evils of child labor. Her most famous efforts were attempts to organize the miners of West Virginia and Colorado. Scorning jail, deportation to other states, and threats on her life, "Mother" Jones became an enemy of the wealthy business owners. Well into her eighties, she continued to agitate and actively assist in the struggle to unionize streetcar, garment, and steel workers. Unique as a woman in the predominately male labor movement, "Mother" Mary Harris Jones became a symbol of labor's insistence on its right to decent treatment and wages.

by Jim Garamone

U.S. Northern Command Setup Becomes Clearer

American Forces Press Service

08/15/02 - **WASHINGTON (AFPN)** -- When U.S. Northern Command stands up Oct. 1, the new organization in charge of homeland defense will have "combatant command" of a small number of specialized units. Combatant command, or COCOM, gives combatant commanders the authority to organize, train and operate units. It is different from operational control, which allows commanders to use forces that have been trained and are supported by someone else.

When the command unfurls its flag at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart will have COCOM of the Joint Forces Headquarters Homeland Security, based at Norfolk, Va. and currently under U.S. Joint Forces Command. The headquarters has 130 civilian and military personnel assigned. Other units will come under operational control of the new command if they are needed, Department of Defense officials said. "If there is an incident, then other units may (fall) under Northern Command," said one official. "This would be much the same as units coming under the control of U.S. Central Command when needed."

Besides becoming the commander of U.S. Northern Command, Eberhart commands the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Wearing his Northern Command hat, he has operational control of the U.S. contributions to the joint U.S.-Canadian defense organization. The Joint Forces Headquarters Homeland Security coordinates the land and sea defense of the United States. In addition, the command serves as the liaison with lead federal agencies and supports those agencies in the event of an attack. The headquarters will work with other agencies on prevention of attacks, military response if an attack is successful and military aid to such agencies as the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Joint Task Force Civil Support and Joint Task Force 6 will also transfer to the new command Oct. 1. JTF-Civil Support, based at Fort Monroe, Va., supports civil authorities in the event of an attack on the United States. The 160 task force members coordinate military support requested by civilian authorities. JTF-6, based at Fort Bliss, Texas, is DOD's counterdrug support unit that provides resources to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Since it was established in 1989, JTF-6 has helped more than 430 federal, state and local agencies in more than 5,300 missions. Officials said the JTF's counterdrug mission will remain, but its mission will probably expand into other border security realms.

Northern Command will also have direct coordinating authority with the U.S. Coast Guard. In the event of attack, the U.S. Joint Forces Command will provide any additional forces Northern Command may need.

Year of Diversity Scholarship Essay Contest & Year of Diversity Art Contest

Submitted by Lt Gen Russell C. Davis, USAF
Chief, National Guard Bureau

The celebration of Year of Diversity has begun, and to encourage participation by Guard families, as well as the men and women of the Guard, the Year of Diversity Committee offers two contests to involve the children of Guard members and military civilians. We will award two (2) \$1000 scholarships and six (6) \$100 US Savings Bonds. All awards are sponsored by the Chief's Group (ANG). The scholarships will be awarded to national-level essay contest winners, one Army and one Air. The savings bonds will be awarded to art contest winners, one Army and one Air in each of three (3) age groups. A panel consisting of: the ARNG Diversity Initiatives office, the ANG Diversity office (ANG/DPH), and the Year of Diversity subcommittee, will determine scholarship winners from the pool of Army and Air state-level winners submitted by each state and territory. The art contest entries will be sent to Ms. Nadine M. Meyers, ARNG Diversity Initiatives office, 111 South George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA. 22204-1382

Entrants are requested to address the essays with the subject line "Year of Diversity Scholarship Essay Contest" to assist your office in routing entries. The designated representative(s) will read and evaluate the essays based on the criteria provided and choose one essay from each branch (Army Guard and Air Guard) to represent the state in the national-level competition. The state-level deadline to receive essays from entrants is COB 01 October 2002. The State Human Resource Advisor Point of contact for Air Guard essays is CMSgt Janice Johnson at (602) 267-2636 and the State Diversity Initiatives Coordinator Point of Contact for Army Guard essays is 1Lt. Lorri Conley at (602) 267-2786.

The ARNG Diversity Initiatives office must receive winning essays for review from the states and territories by COB 01 November 2002. The announcements will also be posted at the Army Guard public site, <http://www.arng.army.mil>; Air Guard Public Site <http://www.ang.af.mil/>; Air Guard intranet, <https://airguard.ang.af.mil/cfh/>; ARNG Diversity Initiatives, <https://www.guardnet.ngb.army.mil>; and Year of Diversity website, www.ngb.dtic.mil. Point of contact is Ms. Nadine M. Meyers, Program Analyst, ARNG Diversity Initiatives, DSN 327-7096; Comm (703) 607-7096; or email Nadine.Meyers@ngb.army.mil.

Elected Officials -- SMSgt Coleman (VA Wing HRA) has provided us with some information, which will make it very easy to communicate with your elected officials on any subject. I just used it to send a message to my two Ohio Senators and my Representative regarding H.R. 3831 and S. 2250 (proposed legislation to reduce the age at which retired reservists begin collecting retirement benefits). Please share this information with your region, unit members, friends, and family. Your representatives are voting on your benefits! If you would like to try, here are some quick instructions....

- 1) click on www.govexec.com <<http://www.govexec.com>> web site.
- 2) click on "Bill Tracker" on the left side of the site
- 3) click on the "Elected Officials" tab
- 4) enter your zip code in the field "Search by Zip Code" and click on "Go"
- 5) click on "with one click" in the sentence "Write to ALL of your representatives with one click"

<<http://capwiz.com/govexec/mail/compose/?type=CO&state=OH&azip=43147&bzip=9819>> or pages linked below"

6) Type in your message (I wrote "I am interested to know your intentions with regard to H.R. 3831 & S. 2250. I am a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, the Air Force Sergeants Association, and the National Guard Association and would like to see you become a sponsor of one of these two proposals. I believe that this issue will positively affect retention and readiness of our reserve forces. Please contact me and let me know your position on this issue".)

MILITARY BENEFITS

Thrift Savings Plan Offering Improvements

08/20/02 - **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** -- The Thrift Savings Plan's new computerized record-keeping system, set to kick off Sept. 16, will provide more control of accounts for investors and faster processing of transactions, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. During the transition period Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, access to accounts will be limited, officials said. Some of the improvements include:

- Account values posted daily.
- Account balances reported in terms of number of shares and dollars value.
- Quarterly statements by mail (January, April, July and October).
- Loans, withdrawals and transfers between funds processed daily.
- Interfund transfers posted to accounts within two business days.
- Ability to increase or decrease the payment amount on TSP loans more than once.
- Online application for loans and withdrawals.

TSP open season dates are Oct. 15 to Dec. 31 and April 15 to June 30. "As with any new system, there is a transition period from the old to the new," said Janet Thomas, from the center's civilian benefits and entitlements service team. "So, for a short while, there will be a down time where contributors will not be able to make electronic transactions with the TSP. They will have the option to submit paper requests to the TSP service office."

Military and appropriated fund civilian employees can access the TSP Web system at <http://www.tsp.gov>. Select "civilian" or "uniformed services," click "TSP features," and click "TSP new record keeping system." Additional information is available for appropriated fund civilian employees from the benefits and entitlements service team Web site and for Air Force military people at the TSP for uniformed services Web site. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

The 2002 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available. This booklet lists the variety of federal benefits available to military veterans and their dependents. Topics covered include health care enrollment, VA claim filing, burial and survivor benefits, and workplace benefits. Download the entire booklet as a PDF file by visiting

<http://www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/Fedben.pdf>. For more on veterans benefits, also visit the Veterans Help section at http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=VETERANS_VETERANS_HELPPAGES.HTM

Armed Forces News

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The Joint Service Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council, chartered by the Department of Defense, has developed and implemented an FAA-approved airframe and power plant training and certification program for airmen in the aircraft maintenance field, said CCAF spokesman Master Sgt. J. R. Breeding. The program includes 30 semester

Aircraft Maintenance FAA Certification

hours of college credit awarded by CCAF toward its Aviation Maintenance Technology Associate in Applied Science degree and an agenda that makes the airman a more "diverse and well-rounded" technician, said Breeding. "If you have a technical degree from CCAF and an FAA certification, you are highly marketable in the aviation industry following

retirement or separation," he said. More than 1,700 airmen are currently enrolled. One voting member each from the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard comprise the certification council. FAA and industry advisors and technical representatives from various disciplines round out the team.

Scholarships for Servicemembers and Veterans

Military.com's Education Center has a listing of \$300 million in scholarship funds. All personnel in the military community, including dependents, are encouraged to search the scholarship database. In addition to the scholarship

search available, the educational services also provide comprehensive and updated information on educational benefits, such as the G.I. Bill, Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), and Survivors' and

Dependents' Educational Assistance Program. To access these education services, visit: <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/1,13289,,00.html?ESRC=mr.nl>

HQ's UTA Schedule 2002

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
5/6	9/10	9/10	6/7	4/5	8/9	13/14	10/11	7/8	5/6	2/3	7/8

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11/12	1/2	8/9	12/13	3/4	7/8	12/13	9/10	6/7	4/5	1/2	6/7

For Your Information

- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 7th WALK / RUN** -- Saturday of the Sep UTA is the LAST CHANCE for those of us who still require FY 2002 fitness testing to complete this requirement. It will be conducted at 0645 near the basketball court. This is being conducted on Saturday to accommodate a special September 11th memorial service Sunday morning. Although strength testing (push-ups and crunches) was overcome by events this year, the requirement still exists to practice these in conjunction with our walk/run (see attached document). The intent of practicing push-ups and crunches is not to humiliate anyone, but to prepare everyone for this future testing. It is VERY IMPORTANT to make a special effort to ensure your unit members attend. Participation in this annual requirement is mandatory. Submitted by Lt Col Davies

- ♦ **PLANS and TRAINING CLASS** – Mandatory for all personnel - Sunday 8 Sep at 1000 hours in the HRO conference room new "Plans and Training" requirements will be conducted by Chief Turner.

- ♦ **The Arizona National Guard Youth Camp** scheduled for July 24-27 was recently cancelled due to a water shortage at Camp Navajo. The Arizona National Guard Family Readiness Council has rescheduled AZ NG Youth Camp for the weekend of the **11th through the 14th of October** this year. There have been cancellations, so anyone that would like to submit an application for a canceled slot can call our State Family Readiness Coordinator, Jan Finney at (602) 267-2593.

- ♦ **DANTES** has found an excellent Web site from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington called "What Can I Do With a Major In ___? Sometimes, when picking a major, Service members have a strong interest in a subject field, but don't know what jobs or careers that major can lead to. This Web site can definitely help: <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/>
(This is not an endorsement of or recommendation for Univ of North Carolina; this Web site is being passed on strictly for information purposes.)

Also, DANTES ordered and has received a new reference publication called QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE MAJORS AND CAREERS, which we'll be distributing soon to each education center, with instructions on how to order more from our Distribution Center. We sincerely hope these two reference tools (the Web site and the book) assist you in your counseling position.

Contact Sheila Nyjordet, Mgr., Reference Publications/MCNet, DANTES Code 10K at 6490 Saufley Field Rd Pensacola, FL 32509-5243 DSN: 922-1763, CML: (850) 452-1763, FAX: xxx-1588

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